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REF: PRETORIA 4960

FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF SPEAKING NOTES MENTIONED REFTEL:

SPEAKING NOTE GIVEN FOURIE

BEGIN TEXT RHODESIA: NEXT STEPS

1. I HAVE BEEN ASKED BY DR. DAVID OWEN TO THAN YOU FOR YOUR
MESSAGE OF 12 SEPTEMBER AND TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON HIS
LATEST THINKING ON THE NEXT STEPS TOWARD A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.

2. MY GOVERNMENT CONSIDER THAT THE PARTIES, IN AGREEING TO
ENTER THE DISCUSSIONS ENVISAGED IN PARAGRAPH 11(C) OF THE
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WHITE PAPER, CANNOT BE COMMITTED TO A CEASEFIRE THAT OBVIOUSLY
DEPENDS ON A SATISFACTORY OUTCOME OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS.
INDEED, ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE NO NECESSITY FOR MR. SMITH
TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT IN ADVANCE OF, OR DURING, THE
SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD UNDER-
STAND IT IF HE FELT OBLIGED TO EXPRESS HIS RESERVATIONS.
NEVERTHELESS, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PARA-

GRAPH 11(C) NEGOTIATIONS WOULD BE TAKING PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS AS A WHOLE AND WOULD BE DESIGNED TO COMPLETE THEM IN THE MAJOR AREA WHERE THINGS HAVE DELIBERATELY HITHERTO BEEN LEFT OPEN. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT COULD NOT ACCEPT THAT PARTICIPATION IN THESE DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE MADE CONDITIONAL ON RE-OPENING FUNDAMENTAL POINTS OF THE PACKAGE, OR UPON PARTICULAR CHANGES IN THE PROPOSALS BEING ACCEPTED.

3. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAVE NOTED THE POINTS MADE BY MR. SMITH AND WILL BE REVERTING TO THEM AT AN APPROPRIATE STAGE. COMMENTS ON MATTERS OF DETAIL IN THE PROPOSALS HAVE ALSO BEEN RECEIVED FROM OTHERS. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AGREE THAT THERE ARE AREAS WHERE CLARIFICATION AND FURTHER AMPLIFICATION WILL BE NECESSARY. SINCE THERE IS CLEARLY A DANGER THAT IN ATTEMPTING TO SATISFY ONE PARTY, EVEN ON A POINT OF DETAIL OR CLARIFICATION, WE MAY CAUSE DISSATISFACTION TO THE OTHER PARTIES, DR. OWEN DOES NOT FEEL THAT HE CAN ENTER INTO DISCUSSION ON ANY OF THESE COMMENTS AT THE PRESENT MOMENT. THEY WILL, HOWEVER, BE CONSIDERED CAREFULLY TOGETHER ONCE THEY HAVE ALL BEEN RECEIVED. IT HAS OF COURSE BEEN MADE CLEAR THAT, EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFICALLY INDICATED IN THE TEXT, THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PROPOSALS ARE NOT REGARDED AS OPEN TO NEGOTIATION. THIS NATURALLY APPLIES TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT TOO.

4. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ADD THAT, IN VIEW OF THE NEED TO
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ENSURE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL ACCEPT THE TERMS OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION APPOINTING A UNITED NATIONS REPRESENTATIVE TO TAKE PART IN THE PARAGRAPH 11(C) DISCUSSIONS, THERE HAS BEEN SOME SLIGHT DELAY IN MAKING THE APPROACH TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL SO AS TO ALLOW TIME FOR THE NECESSARY LOBBYING. BUT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT NOW EXPECT TO GO TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL VERY SOON. END TEXT

SPEAKING NOTE GIVEN HAWKINS

BEGIN TEXT I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PASS YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR. OWEN FOR PASSING ON TO SALISBURY.

WE ARE STUDYING CAREFULLY YOUR COMMENTS ON OUR PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT. COMMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN RECEIVED FROM SOME OF THE OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED AND WE SHALL WISH TO LOOK AT THEM ALL BEFORE GIVING A CONSIDERED REPLY.

WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN POINTS ON WHICH CLARIFICATION WILL BE NEEDED, AND OTHERS WHICH WILL REQUIRE FURTHER DISCUSSION. ARRANGMENTS FOR THIS WILL BE WORKED OUT IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROGRESS OF THE MILITARY TALKS ENVISAGED

IN PARAGRAPH 11(C) OF THE PROPOSALS. OUR IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE IS TO SET IN TRAIN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THE CEASE-FIRE, ETC., INVOLVING THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER DESIGNATE, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES.

THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POSITION OF THE PARTIES ON OUR PROPOSALS AS A WHOLE. WE PLAN TO GO TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL VERY SOON TO SEEK APPROVAL FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ENGAGE IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS. ONLY WHEN THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE CAN THE PLAN BE JUDGED AS A WHOLE. END TEXT.
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